"Falling Four You"

(The title isn't spelled wrong. It is actually a pun. I hope you all enjoy this chapter! I also hope that you enjoy the new story. :3)

X sat down on the bare grass, starting to gaze at the many stars that speckled the night sky. He was tasked by Four to think of a challenge for the next episode of BFB. "I hope I don't let Four down." X thought, panicking slightly inside of his head. "What if I can't think of a challenge?" X wondered frantically, trying not to think of the outcome of that situation.

Just then, X was snapped out of his thoughts at the sound of an object approaching him. He turned his head around, to see Four walking toward him. "What do I say to him?" X's thoughts raced in his mind.

"Did you think of a challenge yet?" Four's tone was friendly, but impatient. "Umm...I...I.." X stammered. He could only stare at Four in his nervousness. "W..We could have a dance competition!" He suggested quickly.

"Nice idea, X!" Four praised him, giving him a pat on the head. X

smiled warmly at Four, but Four didn't seem to notice, as he just walked away. X sighed with disappointment. "What a terrible challenge idea!" He exclaimed quietly, burying his face in his hands.

"As long as I have Four's approval, I will be alright." X whispered to himself in a drowsy voice, before falling asleep on the grass.

X shifted in his sleep, as he dreamed. He dreamed about Four. But, an echoing voice woke him from his delightful dream. "X...X!" He heard Coiny scream from the waking world. "Wake up, X!" He yelled.

X yawned and stretched. Coiny was staring at him. "Can you take a message to Four?" He asked. X looked at him, a bit confused at first. "Of course." He yawned. "What do you need me to tell him?"

"I wanted you to tell Four that Pin needs to be excused from the competition for a while, because she is pregnant." Coiny answered. "I'll tell him." X replied, already skipping excitedly over to Four.

(Sorry if that was short. I hope you all still liked the story! I will try to update it regularly. :3)

Four's Idea

X trotted over to where Four was resting, under a tree. He began to tremble, as he approached Four. "F..Four." X stammered. Four turned around to stare at him. "Yes, X?" He looked at X expectantly.

X handed Four the paper note that Coiny gave him. Four nodded after a few moments of reading it, and turned back to X.

"I have a great idea!" He exclaimed. Four jumped up excitedly.

"What is it, Four?" X asked, still shivering. He expected to hear something great from Four. "Is it something about the challenge?" He thought to himself, waiting for Four to start speaking. Four stood up straight, and began to speak.

"I think that the hosts should participate in the challenge!" Four announced to X. "That would give me a chance to beat up those contestants, if they don't win against me." He smirked. X stared at Four with wide, terrified eyes.

"Y..You want to beat them up?" X asked Four in disbelief. "T..That's a t..terrible idea!" He exclaimed. But, he immediately felt guilty, as Four stared at him with cold, narrowed eyes.

"I'm so sorry, Four!" X cried. He turned around and started to run. He didn't now where he would go, but he just wanted to be away from Four. He sprinted toward the forest, trying not to trip over any twigs.

He crashed through the forest. X didn't look where he was going, as he skidded into a bush. But, he felt the ground slip from beneath him, and he crashed into a cold hard floor. In a few moments, everything went black.

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(The people who read my CoinPin fanfiction might know who's point of view this is...)

I gasped heavily, as I finally dragged all of the berries that I was carrying into the tunnel. My small size definitely didn't help. "I wish that the others would help me gather food!" I grumbled to myself.

"At least, we found this less deep entrance to the tunnel." I thought. "I was really tired of falling down through the other entrance."

"Is she back with the food yet, Silence?" A familiar voice echoed down the tunnel.

"Not yet, brother." Another voice answered. "I'm sure that she will be back soon."

"They are so impatient!" I whispered. "Next time, they are getting food for me!"

When I finally got to the little room that we had been digging for ourselves for a while, I was greeted by the two shadow figures, that I had decided to live with. "You know that I heard how impatient you were being, right?" I growled at them.

"Thanks a lot, Darkness!" Silence snarled at his brother. He snatched a rock in his shadowy tail, and flung it at Darkness.

Darkness didn't seem to be fazed. "I see that you still have your aggressive nature, brother." His eyes glittered with amusement.

I glared at them angrily. "You two are being immature!" I yelled at them. "You are fighting like children!"

Silence rolled his eyes. "Says the child." He muttered.

"I was the one that sensed that those wolves were coming to steal our food last night!" I snapped at them. "Also, I was the one that tamed you!" "If I didn't, you would still be Needle's slaves."

Neither of them responded. They opened their mouths to speak, but they realized that they could not argue with me. I smirked, but then felt a tingle throughout my entire body.

"I think someone fell into the tunnel!" I told the shadow figures, as I turned away from them, and sprinted toward the original entrance.

"Into the Tunnel"

X felt dizzy. He blinked his eyes open. However, everything was blurred around him. He tried to stand, but his legs felt frozen. "Did I break my legs?" X thought, trying to strain his eyes to see into the darkness.

When he could finally see, he made out a dark grey brick wall. "Where am I?" X asked out loud. His question echoed through the room. "Someone help!" He wailed.

X stiffened as he heard footsteps. Someone was approaching him. He saw someone emerge from the darkness. "Pin?" He asked. Amusement sparked in the little object's gaze.

"No!" She laughed. "I'm Maple!" The small object squeaked.

"Maple?" X sounded confused. "Are you related to Pin?" Maple smiled at him.

"Yes," She responded. "She is my mother." "What's your name, anyway?" Maple asked X.

"I'm X." X responded in a somewhat dizzy voice. "Also, what brings you to my tunnels?" Maple asked him. X rubbed his head. Then, he

turned back toward Maple.

"I don't know, honestly." X answered. "I was running, and I fell down here, I guess." His head continued to sting.

"I could get you some fresh water." Maple offered. "Just follow me!"

X smiled. "Maybe, I should stay here for a while." "I do need a break from Four." He thought, following Maple into the tunnel.

"Attack!"

X followed close behind Maple. The little pin was skipping down the tunnel cheerfully. "Maple is much nicer than Four." X thought. But, his heart ached. He desperately wanted to be with Four. But, he was afraid.

When they finally arrived, X saw two shadow figures in a small room. He gasped. "W..What are those?" He asked, clinging onto Maple in fear.

"Those are my friends!" Maple told him. "Their names are, Silence and Darkness." "They won't hurt you." Maple assured X.

X saw piles of berries in the corner of the room. "Did you gather all of this?" He asked Maple, astonished that someone that was so small could carry all of these berries.

Maple nodded, and handed X some fresh water. X was still a bit dazed from his fall, but he was recovering smoothly. He drank the water, then picked out some berries to eat.

Silence rolled his eyes. "Are we just going to live with this guy from now on, Maple?" He asked with a growl.

"If he wants to." Maple assured him. She turned to X. "Do you want to stay with us?" Her voice was almost pleading.

X nodded. "For a little while." He answered. Silence and Darkness shook their heads in disappointment. "Now, we have to share our food with this guy!" Darkness whispered to his brother.

X heard a faint howl in the distance, but he ignored it, and continued chatting with Maple. "Do you sleep here?" He asked.

"Of course!" Maple answered, cheerfully. "Do you expect us to sleep outside?" She teased.

X laughed. He loved it here with Maple. But, he felt as if his heart was cracked. He wasn't complete without Four. But, X shook the thought away. 'If I go back, I will have to see Four hurting those contestants." He thought, trying not to think about his old friend.

A few hours pass, and he tunnel began to get darker. "It's time to sleep!" Maple announced. Silence and Darkness curled up. X started to lie down in another corner.

"Goodnight, Silence." Maple stroked the shadow figure's head. Then, she moved on to Darkness. "Goodnight, X." She whispered, before falling asleep.

X woke up to loud howling. He looked over to the place where Maple was sleeping. She was shaking and twitching in her sleep.

Then, she woke up immediately. "I can sense wolves!" She screamed at X.

As soon as she finished speaking, three large wolves faced them. Their snarls and growls echoed through the tunnel. Maple shuddered in fear.

"I'll distract them, X!" Maple cried. "Run!" X hesitated for a moment, then bolted toward one of the tunnel exits. He scrambled to the surface, and sprinted behind a large rock. He hid there, shivering. for what seemed like hours.

Then, he heard a high-pitched scream that came from the tunnel. "Maple!" X exclaimed, running into the tunnel, as the wolves sprinted past him, toward the exit.

X slowly peaked his head into the room. Then, he saw Maple lying on the ground with her eyes open, and half of her point snapped off.

"M..Maple..." X stuttered. Her breathing was fine. X sighed with relief, as he helped her up. "My point hurts." Maple told him, weakly. She touched the place where most of her point once was, and pulled her hand back, startled.

'I want to see myself, X." She told him. X walked over to the jars of fresh water, and shattered one. He handed Maple a glass shard.

She looked at herself, and let out a terrified gasp. "I look awful, X!"

She cried, slamming the glass shard to the ground. "I'm ruined!" Tears rolled down her face.

X's eyes gleamed with sadness. "What have the wolves done?" He thought, walking over to Maple.

Author's Note

Sorry for not updating the story in a while. I still haven't thought of another good idea for this story. The next chapter might just be filler.

Also, thank you guys so much for getting "Do You Even Know?" to 2k reads! I really appreciate it.

The Search Is On!

Four was pacing at the edge of the forest. "Where could X have gone?" He asked himself. 'I never meant to scare him!"

"Maybe, I should ask those contestants for help." Four mumbled to himself, not really liking the idea. He started walking toward the apartment buildings that the contestants lived in, when a piece of paper fluttered toward him.

Four caught it before it could fly away from him. Then, he unfolded the paper and read the note.

Dear, Four

It has come to my attention that your co-host, X has gone missing. You might not believe this, but I know where X has run off to. I will tell you where he has gone if you do me a small favor.

Sincerely,

Peppermint

Four stared at the note. He was confused. What favor? Where are they supposed to meet him? Who is Peppermint?

These questions tumbled around in Four's head. "I'll do any favor to find X." He decided. "It doesn't matter what Peppermint wants, because I will do it anyway."

Four started walking toward the apartment building that "The Losers" lived in. He knocked on Eggy's door first. Eggy came out, along with Clock. "What do you want, Four?" Eggy asked him, sounding slightly agitated.

Four showed them the note. "Who is Peppermint?" Clock asked. "I don't know, either." Four told them. "Maybe, you should ask Pin and Coiny about that." Eggy suggested. "Yeah," Clock added. "They probably mentioned a Peppermint in all of their blabbing about their "great journey."

"Thanks for the help, though." Four sighed. He closed the door, and walked past Needle's empty room, toward Pin and Coiny's room. He had to knock on the door five times, because neither one of them would answer.

Then, Coiny finally opened the door, looking angrier than Eggy was. "Stop knocking so loud, Four," "Pin is trying to sleep!" Four hung his head guiltily.

He showed Coiny the note. Coiny froze, taking a few steps backward.

"What is it?" Four asked, staring into Coiny's frightened face.

"You shouldn't trust him." Coiny finally replied, shaking. Coiny slammed the door on Four.

Four was confused, but he would still trust Peppermint, because he really wanted X to be by his side again.

The Mysterious Meeting

Four tossed and turned in his bed. He couldn't sleep, thinking that X could be out there somewhere, needing his help.

Four also thought of how Coiny had reacted to the note. Hopefully, Coiny was just trying to scare him. But, Four still shivered in fear.

When he finally drifted into sleep, Four felt like he was being plunged into icy water, going down a never ending drop. At first, there was only darkness, then the darkness was suddenly swallowed by a world of grey trees and grass.

Four pushed his way past trees and bushes, until he came upon a clearing. "Hello?" Four called. He had never had a dream that he could control before. Four thought that he had heard a faint howling sound in the distance, but when he turned to the direction that the noise was coming from, he saw nothing.

"There you are!" An unfamiliar voice suddenly called to him. Four saw an object emerge from the bushes, trying to wipe blood off of his hands. The strange object must have seen Four staring at his hands, because he started to explain.

"I'm fine, believe me." The object started. "It's just those dead rabbits that I had to handle, that's all!" The stranger assured Four. "Leading

those wolves into those tunnels was hard work."

"Who are you?" Four asked.

"I'm Peppermint!" The object answered in a soothing voice. "Y..You're Peppermint?" Four asked, surprised that Peppermint wanted to meet up in a dream. Peppermint nodded, still trying to wipe the blood off of his hands with little success.

"So, where's X?" Four asked desperately. Peppermint grinned at Four. "Closer than he seems."

Four resisted the temptation to zap the annoying, vague object. "Can you be a little more specific?" Four asked, trying to keep his tone level.

Peppermint looked back up from his hands, and stared at Four. "What caused X to flee in the first place?" He asked Four, smiling slyly, as if he already knew the answer.

"Don't pretend you don't know." Four snarled. "I know that you are trying to get me to blame myself."

"What makes you think that?" Peppermint asked innocently. Four sighed, and realized that he had to give in if he was to get X back.

"I don't know," Four told Peppermint. "I think that it was something that I said." Four almost bowed his head in shame, but he didn't want

to give Peppermint the satisfaction of seeing it.

"Anyways, what do you want me to give you?" Four asked him.

"Oh, nothing much." Peppermint smiled. "Just a sacrifice."

"What kind of sacrifice?" Four asked. Peppermint paused for a moment, and began speaking again. "You must sacrifice yourself, Four." He explained. "It's for the good of all of your precious contestants, X included."

"Why would I sacrifice my life for those guys?" Four growled, feeling very irritated. Peppermint circled around Four. "If you want X back, and unharmed," "You must do what I say."

"But, anyways, It was nice meeting you, Four." "But, you really should get going now." Peppermint said, before snapping his fingers and vanishing in an instant, leaving only the pool of rabbit blood that had dripped from his hands.

Almost instantly, the grey clearing was swallowed by darkness, as Four woke up.

"I should tell Coiny about this." Four yawned, getting ready to go to Coiny and Pin's apartment.

Unsettling Discoveries

"What will I do, X?" Maple cried. X looked sadly at Maple.

"I don't know," X answered. "But, I think you look fine." Maple wiped a tear from her eyes. "Thanks, X." She smiled.

X could tell that Maple hasn't fully gotten over the loss of her point. But, she was regaining her cheerfulness.

"We should gather some berries." Maple told X. "Silence and Darkness are becoming quite grumpy from not having enough food for the past week." She laughed.

"You better bring something back soon." Silence grumbled. "I'm starving." The shadow figure complained, continuing to dig out the tunnel that he was digging with Darkness.

"Don't worry about them, X." Maple nudged X. "They're just tired from digging that new tunnel."

"What's the tunnel for?" X asked. Maple looked at him. "It's should be a safer route into an area with some berry bushes." She explained. "It should be further from wolf territory."

X nodded. "But, why would you live here, if it's so close to the wolves?" He asked.

"The tunnel is my home." Maple told him. "It's where I belong." "Why would I ever want to leave it?"

"But is it where I belong?" X frowned. He felt the familiar pain in his heart, as he thought about Four, and his old home. "But, why do you love the tunnel so much?" X asked. "Don't you hate being blocked out from the sun, not being able to see anything but stone walls and darkness where you look?"

Maple sighed. "The darkness is comforting." She explained. "The sun is too blinding, and the quiet atmosphere of the tunnel puts me at ease." "I've always known that this would be my home, when I first laid eyes upon it."

X flinched. *"I have to go home."* He decided. *"I miss Four too much."* He continued to walk with Maple, until they reached their usual berry grove.

Maple gasped. "X, the berries are gone!" she yelped.

X peeked around Maple, and his eyes widened at what he saw. Every leaf and berry on the bushes had been picked off. There was nothing but bare branches in the grove.

"Look!" Maple yelled. "Dead rabbits everywhere!" X ran over to where

Maple was pointing. "I wonder what happened here." X thought aloud, scratching his head.

"I keep sensing something in that direction." Maple told X, pointing to a path into the forest. "Do you know what it is?" X asked.

Maple shook her head. "We should check." X decided, though he was quivering with fear. Maple nodded in agreement, as they set off along the trail.

Even though X couldn't sense things like Maple could, he felt a terrifying sensation of being watched. The path of dead rabbits lead all the way to a dark cave. X saw three pairs of menacing yellow eyes appear from the darkness. *Wolves!* X thought, feeling terror build up inside of him. "I wish Four was here." He whimpered. The wolves slowly crept out towards the two objects, their yellow eyes glowing with hatred.

"Sit!" A voice commanded from the bushes. A red and white object stepped out, glaring at the wolves. "How could you attack our guests?" The object scolded the wolves.

"Who are you?" X stammered, still shaking from fear. "Peppermint." The other object answered without hesitation.

Maple stared at Peppermint with wide, terrified eyes. "Y..You sent the wolves to the tunnels?" She asked, pain filling her voice. "But I thought that you.." She trailed off, as Peppermint put his arm around her.

"You see, sweetie," Peppermint started, forcing his voice to sound loving. "It was just a little task that I had to do." He explained, in a calm voice.

"I begged Needle to do it for me." "But, she insisted that I should do it instead." He smiled at Maple.

"Y...You almost killed us..." Maple started to cry. "I thought that you loved me!"

"I do, sweetie." Peppermint assured her. "But, I just needed to make your mother pay." He went on, his voice sounding bitter. "I just thought that killing her daughter would be the perfect revenge."

X watched, feeling confused. What did Peppermint have against Pin?

"You should be proud that your father did all of this for *us.*" Peppermint smiled. "Your mother has wronged us both."

Maple started to shake with anger. "You are not my father." She snarled. "Pin has done nothing wrong to anyone." "Let's just leave, X" Maple grabbed X's hand.

X wanted to know more, but he had the feeling that Maple didn't want to talk about the encounter. So, he kept quiet the entire way back to the tunnel.

(I am so sorry for not updating this in like, 2 months! I might make another chapter tonight just to make up for it.)

Home At Last!

(sorry for not updating this book in a while guys hhhhh)

Four paced around in the field. "What's Four doing?" Eraser asked, turning to Clock.

"I honestly don't know." Clock answered in a worried tone. Four continued pacing, meanwhile, the contestants were getting worried.

"F..Four," Tennis Ball started. "When is the next challenge?"

Four just stared at him, shaking with sadness. "can't do it ..without X..." Four explained shakily. "Where's Golf Ball?" Pin asked. "I haven't seen her all day."

"She said that she was going shopping." Tennis Ball answered. "But, now that you mention it, she has been gone for a pretty long time." His eyes widened.

"Do you think something happened to her?" Foldy suggested. Now, Tennis Ball started quivering with fear. "Now we've lost X and GB.." He whispered. "This can't be good.."

Four sighed. "X is probably dead because of me..." He thought, feeling sick inside. "I just want him back..."

"W..What is that?" Eggy gasped. Four followed her gaze to the direction of the forest.

He saw a familiar yellow shape coming closer and closer. "That can't be..." He whispered. "I must be imagining this..." But Four knew that it was true.

Behind X was a red and grey shape. It looked sort of like Pin? But, Pin was here.

"Four!!" X squealed, embracing Four, not wanting to let go. Four felt a strange sensation throughout his body. He blushed madly and cried for the first time in a long time. "Don't leave again, X.." He sobbed, pulling X closer.

"Wait.." Coiny started. "Pin, is that..?"

"Maple!!" Pin cried, hugging her daughter tightly. "What happened to you?" She stared in horror at Maple's missing point. "Peppermint happened..." Maple whimpered, holding onto her mother, as if she was a newborn baby.

"Peppermint..." Coiny growled. "I can't believe him!"

"Coiny," Pin rested her hand on his shoulder. "I'm sure he had some reason for doing that."

Four could tell that she was trying so hard to convince herself that it was true. He turned back to X. "Where were you?" He asked frantically. "I was worried sick!"

"I stayed with Maple for a while." X explained. "Don't worry, she took good care of me!" X announced.

Four looked into X's adorable eyes. "Why is he so cute?" Four thought, trying hard to keep himself from blushing.

"I'm glad to be back." X told Four, smiling. "I'm glad that you're back." Four told X feeling weird sensations all over again.

"F..Four.." Tennis Ball stammered, looking at the ground sadly. "Will you help me look for Golf Ball later?"

Four felt something else that was strange. Was he feeling empathy for Tennis Ball? Four shook the thought away. He had never liked any of the contestants, so why start feeling bad for one of them now?

"Let's go to my house, X." Four suggested, leading X to his house.

(I hope you enjoyed the new chapter, guys!!! uwu)

Forever Lost

Four yawned, getting up from his bed, and turning his alarm off. His eyes were still droopy, but he had promised Tennis Ball that he would help look for Golf Ball today. Four walked slowly into the kitchen where X was waiting, a huge grin covering his face.

On the table, there were two plates of french toast. "Did you make us breakfast?" Four asked X, surprised that the little variable could make breakfast by himself.

X gave a little nod. "So, when are we helping TB?" He asked, stuffing his face with french toast. "After breakfast." Four answered, nodding to X.

"Did you look for me when I was gone?" X asked Four. Four wondered in that moment if he should even tell X about Peppermint.

"I tried, but I just couldn't find you." Four decided to say. X seemed to understand. "I had a good time with Maple, anyway." X told him.

Four narrowed his eyes. "Who exactly is this, *Maple?*" He asked, slightly suspicious.

"Maple is Pin's daughter, the one who let me stay in her home for a

while." X explained, getting up from the table to throw his and Four's dishes into the sink.

"So, where is her home?" Four asked, suddenly becoming curious.

"She lives in an underground tunnel in the forest." X said cheerfully. Four's eyes widened. Peppermint's chilling words echoed in his mind.

He remembered the red and white object brushing rabbit blood off of his hands, and saying, *"Leading those wolves into the tunnel was hard work.."*

Four eyes widened in horror even more. X really *could* have been killed because of him..

He tried to stop himself from trembling in case X noticed, or asked any questions. "Let's go help Tennis Ball now." He suggested, trying to take his mind off of Peppermint.

"Yay!" X exclaimed, jumping into the air like an excited puppy. "He's so adorable." Four thought, as held the door open for X.

Tennis Ball was waiting near the apartment building for them. Coiny was beside him, his eyes narrowing as Four walked over.

"So, did Peppermint ever tell you anything?" Coiny asked with a sarcastic tone, pulling Four closer. "Of course he did." Four grumbled,

forcefully shoving the coin away.

"Just making sure." Coiny shrugged. The object didn't sound entirely convinced that Peppermint had told Four anything useful.

"Are we going to find GB, or are we just going to stand around?" Tennis Ball asked, impatience and nervousness filling his voice.

"Of course, we'll find GB!" X bounced, trying to reassure Tennis Ball. TB kept frowning, he whispered something to Coiny as the group walked through the town.

They had asked random contestants if they had seen Golf Ball.

"Sorry, I haven't." Pen told them, shutting the door to his house. Tennis Ball sighed. "That was everyone." He whispered. "Pen was our last hope."

Four felt the feeling of pity for Tennis Ball again,but he pushed it down. "We could try looking for clues ourselves." Coiny suggested.

TB sighed. "I guess." He mumbled, walking with his head down toward the outskirts of town.

"Look!" X called out from the front of the group. He was pointing to a green necklace with a strange snowflake design as it's pendant. "That's GB's..." Tennis Ball breathed, clutching the necklace with his foot, tears falling from his eyes.

He sobbed, as the other objects crowded around him. "She's gone..." He cried louder. "I'll never see her again..."

(henlo peeps, sorry to interrupt an emotional moment, but I have come here to tell you that this story will end soon. Sorry if you like it, but I really want to work on other things. There will be a few more chapters before it ends, but I just wanted you guys to not be disappointed when it ends up being really short. uwu)

Their Very Own Mastermind

Needle sat at the edge of the Land of Lost Souls. She kicked a stone. Why did Pin have to be so perfect all the time? She won Coiny's heart, she "saved" everyone from Needle's plan, and for now, her life is perfect.

"I wish I could be more like her." Needle whispered to herself, as thought of the plan.

"*I promised that it wouldn't fail."* The familiar chilling voice of Peppermint spoke in her mind. "Well, you were on their side for a while." Needle snapped back in her thoughts.

"Listen, Needy," Peppermint went on, filling Needle's head with the ice-cold chill of his voice. *"You need me, and I need you."*

"Just talk to me in real life!" Needle yelled at him in her thoughts. "I told you to stop speaking to me through telepathy anyway." She grumbled through her thoughts.

"I control you." Peppermint reminded Needle. *"I'm the mastermind behind this genius plan."*

"Like I haven't heard that from you a million times!" Needle rolled her eyes, and went to look for Snowball. "At least Snowball won't freeze my mind with his voice." Needle grumbled.

"Where's Peppermint?" She asked, as she neared Snowball.

"I'm in the Meeting Meadow, you dummy." Peppermint snorted in her mind. *"Where else would I be?"*

"Come on, Snowball, Firey, and Pencil." Needle named a few objects to go with her. She led them to the meeting meadow, where Peppermint was already waiting, still trying to get those dumb blood stains off of his hands.

"As you know," Peppermint started. "We are going into the living world tomorrow, simply to teach those foolish objects a lesson." He growled, causing the other objects to cheer.

"We will surly win." Needle cut in. "After all, we do have our very own mastermind." She whispered, turning her gaze to Peppermint.

An Unfortunate End

X walked outside, feeling like he wanted to shrink away from the dark red sky, and blackened sun. "Is it an eclipse?" He thought. He wanted to run back home, but he knew that Four was counting on him to get some food for dinner.

"I wouldn't want Four to have to deal with this strange, frightening weather." X decided, walking slowly toward the grocery store. "X!" "X!" He heard someone scream his name.

He snapped his head around. It was Pin. She was flailing her arms around in panic. "Quick, X!" She screamed. "We have to hide!"

"Hide?" X asked, but Pin had already grabbed his arm and started to run. "What are we hiding from?" X voice shook.

"From..." Pin started. "that..." she pointed to a strange blueish-black portal that was opening.

X gasped, and squeezed Pin's hand in fear. She lead him to a shaded spot with trees and bushes. "We have to stay here until...that..goes away." Pin told X, ducking down into the bush.

Lightning crackled and flashed near the portal. Blood-red rain poured

down on the land. However, the rain felt like normal rainwater, not sticky like blood.

Pin flinched as another bolt of lightning hit the ground, a little close to the trees. X eyes widened in panic. His only thought was: "Has Four noticed this yet?" "Is he safe?"

"Is Maple safe?" X asked Pin, panic-stricken.

"She should be with Coiny." Pin assured him, clearly trying to act unafraid. "Don't worry," She said half to herself. "The storm will stop soon, and this dumb portal will go away." She sounded like she didn't even believe her own words.

But, the storm only got worse, and the portal cracked open, as if a hole had been ripped in the sky.

X squinted. He could see white-ish ghostly figures coming out of the portal. Some were thin and nimble like....dogs? *Wolves...* He thought immediately. His mind flashed to Maple, her panicked scream from inside the tunnel, her torn-off point. "I can't let that happen to her mother." X decided, swearing in his mind to protect Pin.

Four bolts of lightning lit up the sky, one of them crashing down on a bush beside them.

Before X could let out a scream, the bush burst into flames, along with the tree near X and Pin.

As an ember bounced and hit the bush that they were hiding in, igniting it, Pin and X jumped for the plains area. But lightning struck the ground in front of them, lighting the grass they were going to jump to on fire.

X screamed, holding onto Pin's arm tightly. Surely she would know what to do? But, Pin looked just as lost and panicked as he was.

X looked around at the area he was in. Fire surrounded them, threatening to engulf them at any moment. "We're both going to die..." X thought, tears running from his eyes. He saw ghostly objects coming through the portal after the mass of wolves. He was choking on smoke. Feeling horribly dizzy, he collapsed, and his vision went black.

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he could after Coiny.

Lightning flashed above them, but Four could hardly notice. he just had to save..X..

Then, Four and Coiny skidded to a halt at the circle of fire. "I have to get her out!' Coiny exclaimed, his voice hopeless and sad. But Four was staring at something. A very familiar chilling voice was speaking in the direction of the fire. "No it can't..." Four thought wildly. "Coiny was right..." He thought with dread. "Peppermint wants to kill X..."

Four ducked behind a tree to listen to what the ghostly object was saying.

"We meet again, don't we, Pin?" Peppermint's voice was unusually rude and snarly. "Did you know that I have the power to stop this fire right now, with the snap of my fingers?" He teased her, circling around her, like a hawk circling it's prey.

X was unconscious, laying in Pin's arms, his breath shallow. "What do you want, Peppermint?" Pin asked, her voice full of confidence.

"Oh.." Peppermint grinned. "I just want to make you pay for betraying me..." He told her calmly, though there was a bitterness in his voice.

"What do you mean, betraying you?" Pin snapped, clearly impatient with the sly object. "Is it so wrong for me to love someone else, because you were dead?"

"You tore my heart out when you confessed your feelings to Coiny." Peppermint went on, his voice getting angrier. "I loved you, Pin..." "You were the only object I'll ever love." He snarled, still circling Pin and X. "I thought that you loved me." "At least, that's what you told me..."

"That was then, this is now, Peppermint!" Pin growled, glaring at him. "I don't love you anymore.." "I love Coiny, and you'll just have to accept that!"

"I don't think I'll ever accept that.." He whispered, getting really close to her face.

"Now, if I kill you, I'll finally rest knowing that I've done my job." Peppermint snarled, grinning at Pin with an evil smile.

Coiny looked at Four desperately. "Do something!" He pleaded.

Four fixed his gaze on a large boulder in the middle of the field. "I know what I need to do." He told Coiny, running toward the rock.

Peppermint's words echoed in Four's head. *"You'll have to sacrifice yourself for these contestants.."*

Now he knew that this was true, bracing himself, he dove off of the rock with a massive leap. His body crushed whoever or whatever he

had landed on when he fell. The world went into dizzying blackness.

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children will bring great fright..." He whispered to X, as he finished his eyes turning back to normal.

X was confused, but he shook his head, and kissed Four on the cheek. "I love you, Four..." X confessed, sobbing as he knew what was going to happen to Four.

"I love you too.." Four confessed, brushing X's cheek with his hand. "But, now, I must leave you..."

"Don't leave me..." X choked out, his loud agonizing sobs echoing across the field. Tears rolled down the little variable's cheek.

Four's eyes closed, as the number went limp, his last traces of life, gone...

(OML It's over peeps! Sorry if it seemed rushed, because I wanted to end this story quickly. I hope this chapter was good enough... I mean, it's longer than most chapters. It's 1200+ words long, not counting this part.)